(TB) is an expert in Public Health/Community Medicine. He has rich experience in management of National Health Programmes. He has been Programme Manager of National TB Control Programme since July, 1996. He has also been international consultant on TB Control. In recognition of his outstanding merit in the field of Tuberculosis he has recently been awarded the "Public Health, Karel Styblo Prize" by International Union Against Tuberculosis and Lung Diseases for year 2000.

(b) Does not arise. There are no corruption cases against DDG (TB).

Assistance to NGOs for Family Welfare Programmes

3076. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any sponsored schemes have been undertaken to provide assistance to voluntary organizations in the field of family welfare and primary health service during the current year; and

(b) the details regarding the extent of assistance provided to voluntary organizations during the first three years of the Ninth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) Under the Reproductive and Child Health Programme, there is provision for providing assistance to voluntary organisations in the field of family welfare and primary health services Details are given in the Annexure indicating the assistance provided to voluntary organisations during the first three years of the Ninth Five Year Plan. [*See* Appendix 192, Annexure No. 21]

Registration of M.D. Physicians of CIS Countries

3077. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether MCI had taken various arbitrary decisions regarding grant of registration to M.D. Physicians passed/passing from countries of Commonwealth of Independent States;